

Dennis Zabaglo is a proven leader in resource management with over 30 years of experience protecting our precious natural resources. He oversees Lake Tahoe's renowned Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program, having developed it in 2008 for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), the first environmental interstate compact agency of its kind in the United States. The agency is charged with the protection of Lake Tahoe, the second deepest lake in the United States, famed for its water clarity, and is the ancestral and current home of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

Dennis is a strong believer in collaborative efforts that embrace public-private partnerships and has fostered dozens of relationships that have led to the success of Lake's Tahoe AIS Program.

Dennis has a B.S. in Environmental Resources Management from the Pennsylvania State University. In addition to his recent appointment to the Invasive Species Advisory Council, Dennis is the past Chair of the Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species and continues to serve on its Executive Committee. He also represents TRPA as an ex-officio member of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force and is a member of California Department of Fish & Wildlife's Golden Mussel Multi-Agency Task Force.

Originally from Pittsburgh, Dennis is celebrating 25 years of service in protecting Lake Tahoe for all to enjoy its magnificent splendors. When he isn't on the ski slopes, on the lake, or traveling with his family and dogs, he is passionately rooting for his beloved Nittany Lions, Pittsburgh Steelers and Penguins.